Railways, Ministry of Food and FCI for the transportation of foodgrains to various States.

Argentinian Wheat

1520. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have finalised and instructed the State Trading Corporation of India to look into the possibility of importing the Argentinian wheat as it is cheaper than the Australian and Canadian wheat which have already been contracted in excess of one million tonnes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Argentinian wheat has not been booked so far since there was an opinion that it would be suited only for the bread making and not suitable for making the chappatis; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) The State Trading Corporation of India has finalised contracts for import of 1 lakh tonnes of wheat from Argentina @ US $ 173 per metric tonne (C&F) JNPT/Bombay Port.

[Translation]

Drip Irrigation

1521. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are encouraging the expansion of drip/sprinkler irrigation system and providing ninety percent rebate for the purpose;

(b) if so, the names of areas where this system is being implemented alongwith the total area under the system, State-wise;

(c) the total amount of subsidy provided by the Government during the current year for the purpose, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government are aware of the fact that only big farmers of limited area are getting benefit of this scheme and most of the farmers are utilizing the provision of rebate only for purchasing the pipes and the remaining components remain unpurchased; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the objectives of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Ninety percent subsidy is being provided to SC/ST, Small/marginal and women farmers and seventy percent subsidy is provided to the other farmers.

(b) The State-wise area covered under drip irrigation system and number of sprinkler systems installed are given in Statements I and II.

(c) The State-wise allocation of funds for drip and sprinkler irrigation systems for the year 1996-97 are given in Statements III and IV.

(d) As per available information from the states, majority of the farmers covered under the scheme belong to SC/ST, Small/marginal and women farmers. Subsidy is released only if the entire drip system is installed, and duly verified by state officials.

(e) The objectives of scheme are achieved through regular monitoring, providing for drip demonstration, organising training programmes for state officials and farmers and conducting adoptive research.

Statement-I

Area Covered (in ha.) under Drip Irrigation during 1992-96

Sl. No.	State	Total (1992-96) Achievement
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7245.00
2.	Assam	0.00
3.	Bihar	0.00
4.	Goa	204.72
5.	Gujarat	3670.00
6.	Haryana	1123.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	17.39
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	31.00
9.	Karnataka	14719.00
10.	Kerala	3469.00
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1447.00
12.	Maharashtra	30203.00
13.	Manipur	90.00
14.	Meghalaya	0.00
15.	Mizoram	0.00
16.	Nagaland*	175.00

1	2	3
17.	Orissa	1276.00
18.	Punjab	709.00
19.	Rajasthan	842.50
20.	Tamil Nadu	12209.00
21.	Tripura	0.00
22.	Uttar Pradesh	467.00
23.	West Bengal	9.00
24.	Sikkim	79.00
25.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3.00
26.	Daman & Diu	28.65
27.	Delhi	4.00
28.	Lakshadweep	0.00
29.	Arunachal Pradesh	75.00
30.	Chandigarh	0.00
31.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00
32.	Pondicherry	60.00
	Total :	78151.26

Statement-II

Number of sets installed for Sprinkler Irrigation System during 1992-96

Sl. No.	State	Total Number of Sets Installed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13411
2.	Gujarat	10789
3.	Haryana	3328
4.	Karnataka	5194
5.	Madhya Pradesh	10097
6.	Maharashtra	13785
7.	Rajasthan	22723
8.	Tamil Nadu	10811
9.	Uttar Pradesh	8013
10.	Other States	1591
	Total :	99742

Statement-III

Subsidy provided during 1996-97 under Drip Irrigation

Sl. No.	Name of State	Rupees (in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	944.44
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.90
3.	Assam	55.09
4.	Bihar	184.16
5.	Goa	25.10
6.	Gujarat	321.84
7.	Haryana	142.37
8.	Himachal Pradesh	16.20
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	17.42
10.	Karnataka	832.66
11.	Kerala	168.89
12.	Madhya Pradesh	321.10
13.	Maharashtra	1485.22
14.	Manipur	5.99
15.	Meghalaya	5.99
16.	Mizoram	6.08
17.	Nagaland	12.15
18.	Orissa	129.62
19.	Punjab	54.86
20.	Rajasthan	60.71
21.	Sikkim	5.99
22.	Tamil Nadu	370.10
23.	Tripura	8.37
24.	Uttar Pradesh	59.36
25.	West Bengal	11.97
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4.45
27.	Delhi	3.25
28.	Daman & Diu	4.45
29.	Lakshadweep	4.45
30.	Pondicherry	0.00
	Total	5272.18

Statement-IV

Subsidy provided during 1996-97 under Sprinkler Irrigation

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Allocation during 1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1540.75
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.75
3.	Assam	18.75
4.	Bihar	276.25
5.	Goa	—
6.	Gujarat	693.50
7.	Haryana	606.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	18.75
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	19.00
10.	Karnataka	788.50
11.	Kerala	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2147.75
13.	Maharashtra	1789.37
14.	Manipur	89.00
15.	Meghalaya	1.87
16.	Mizoram	1.87
17.	Nagaland	1.87
18.	Orissa	665.75
19.	Punjab	37.50
20.	Rajasthan	2095.87
21.	Sikkim	7.50
22.	Tamil Nadu	1087.25
23.	Tripura	—
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1152.81
25.	West Bengal	37.50
	Total :	14233.97

[English]

Land Boundary Agreement

1522. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the outstanding issues relating to implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement with Pakistan/Bangladesh;

(b) the names of 23 Indian Enclaves found not exchangeable within Bangladesh;

(c) whether the problem of Exchange of Enclaves has been under the consideration of the Government since long;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which this problem is likely to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) The three outstanding issues pertaining to the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 are : (i) exchange of enclaves; (ii) transfer of adverse possessions; and (iii) completion of boundary demarcation.

The division between India and the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, took place on the basis of Radcliffe Award which left some small enclaves belonging to India and East Pakistan/Bangladesh in each other's territory. As per information available with us, there were 11 non-exchangeable Indian enclaves in Bangladesh. The non-exchangeable enclaves stand for enclaves within enclaves, or areas which were earlier thought to be enclaves, but which after demarcation of boundary have become contiguous and thus are no longer enclaves.

The exchange of enclaves is directly linked to and will necessarily follow the demarcation of boundary with Bangladesh. The demarcation of about 41 kilometers of the Indo-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. Government propose to complete the task of demarcation of the boundary with Bangladesh with the cooperation of the concerned State Governments.

Bomb Blast in Bansgoan

1523. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3243 on August 27, 1996 regarding Bomb blast in Bansgoan and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to